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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF NAVY MEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY ON TAIWAN

1. WE NOTE IN THE JANUARY 23 ROC WEEKLY STATUS REPORT THAT THE AGREEMENT TO EXTEND NAMRU-2 ON TAIWAN EXPIRES THIS COMING OCTOBER. WHILE WE, OF COURSE, DO NOT HAVE DATA TO ASSESS FULL IMPLICATIONS, THIS WOULD SEEM TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE THIS NON-ESSENTIAL MILITARY UNIT FROM TAIWAN WITH MINIMAL DISRUPTION. ELIMINATION OF THE UNIT WITH THE RESULTANT REDUCTION (ALBEIT SMALL) OF MILITARY PERSONNEL ON TAIWAN WOULD CONFORM TO OUR BASIC PLEDGE IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND THE ROC COULD PROVIDE ANOTHER EXCUSE FOR PEKING TO QUESTION WHETHER WE ARE PURSUING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMUNIQUE "IN EARNEST."

2. IF DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT TRANSFER FROM TAIWAN OR TERMINATION OF NAMRU 2'S FUNCTION WOULD DEPRIVE USG OF ESSENTIAL RESEARCH BENEFITS, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO SHIFTING OPERATION TO A CIVILIAN AGENCY.  
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